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SUBJ: VIOLATION OF MONTREUX CONVENTION BY USS WAINWRIGHT

REF: ANKARA 4285

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS SOYLEMEZ CALLED IN CHARGE TODAY (JUNE 26) TO "DRAW USG ATTENTION" TO VIOLATION OF ARTICLES 13, 14 AND 16 OF MONTREUX CONVENTION BY U.S. VESSEL. SLYLEMEZ EXPLAINED THAT USS WAINWRIGHT ENTERED BOSPHOROUS SOUTHBOUND ON JUNE 24 AT 6 P.M. AND EXITED STRAITS ON JUNE 25 AT 9 A.M., ALTHOUGH NOTIFICATION OFF TRANSIT WAS FOR JUNE 24. ONE SOVIET CRUISER AND TWO SOVIET DESTROYERS WERE ALSO TRANSITING STRAITS ON MORNING OF JUNE 25 WITH RESULT OF AGGREGATE TONNAGE LIMIT OF 15,000 TONS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 14 WAS EXCEEDED.

2. TURKISH GOVERNMENT ATTRIBUTES VIOLATION ENTIRELY TO LACK CONFIDENTIAL

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OF INFORMATION ON MONTREUX CONVENTION ON PART OF WAINWRIGHT'S

CREW, SOYLEMEZ EXPLAINED, BUT HOPES THAT STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE. SOVIET UNION HAS NOT PROTESTED, HE ADDED, BUT MIGHT YET DO SO.

3. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY IF TIMES OF ENTRY AND EXIT GIVEN US BY SOZLEMEZ ARE CORRECT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE FOR OUR OWN BACKGROUND INFORMATION, HOWEVER, EXPLANATION OF DELAY IN WAINWRIGHT'S TRANSIT. BERGUS

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